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SUBJECT: UNCTAD IV - PLENARY SEECHEs OF AFTERNOON AND EVENING
OF MAY 7TH.

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1. SUMMARY: PLENARY GENERAL DEBATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AND EVENING,
MAY 7 CONTINUED WITH STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF VENEZUELA,
ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, OECD, KENYA, SWITZERLAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,
LIBERIA, ZAMBIA, BOLIVIA, KUWAIT, NEPAL, MOROCCO, ETHIOPIA AND
GREECE. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE STATEMENTS BY THE ALGERIAN AND
VENEZUELAN DELEGATIONS, MOST STATEMENTS WERE DESULTORY, DELIVERED
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STEAMY CONFERENCE ROOM. END SUMMARY.

2. PEREZ GUERRARO, VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, ADDRESSED THE PLENARY SESSION, OPENING WITH A REVIEW OF THE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CIEC, STRESSING THAT THE CIEC WAS NOT A UNIVERSAL FORUM AND THAT THE G-19 HAD INSUFFICIENT LDC REPRESENTATION. HE CALLED FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF UNCTAD TO ENABLE IT TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE DIALOGUE ONCE THE CIEC DISCUSSION HAD CONCLUDED WITHIN THE YEAR ALLOCATED. HE UNDERLINED THAT THE G-19 AND G-77 WERE MUTUALLY REINFORCING AND THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES VIEW UNCTAD IV AS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN A CONTINUING PROCESS. BOTH THE CIEC AND UNCTAD WERE WORKING ON THE SAME PREMISES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE INCLUSION OF ENERGY IN THE PARIS DIALOGUE. HE THEN UNDERLINED THE G-19'S UNHAPPINESS WITH THE LACK OF PROGRESS AT PARIS, AND READ IN ENGLISH THE G-19 DECLARATION. PEREZ GUERRERO CALLED FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF ALL PROPOSALS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE, AN INDIRECT BUT SIGNIFICANT REFERENCE TO THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT POSITIONS COULD BE BROUGHT CLOSER TOGETHER DURING THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. HE WARNED AGAINST THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES PLAYING ONE FORUM AGAINST ANOTHER TO AVOID MAKING DECISIONS. HE ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE SOCIALIST STATES TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING BY INCORPORATING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN THEIR NATIONAL PLANS, NOT TREATING IT MERELY AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT. COMMENT: THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PEREZ GUERRERO'S STATEMENT WAS SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED BY A FAILURE OF THE INTERPRETATION SYSTEM, AND ITS FULL CONTENTS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE WIDELY KNOWN UNTIL MONDAY WHEN THE TEXT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

3. ALGERIAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE, YAKER, MADE AN EXTREME STATEMENT LAYING THE ILLS OF THE WORLD ON THE RAPACIOUS, IMPERIALIST, CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. HE DEPLORED THE ABSENCE OF SOME NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES AND SOME PEOPLES STILL FIGHTING FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE AT UNCTAD IV. CONCERNING THE MTNS, HE NOTED THESE WOULD SOON BE ENTERING THEIR FOURTH YEAR AND THAT NONE OF THE COMMITMENTS MADE AT THE TOKYO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE HAD BEEN RESPECTED. AID FIGURES, HE SAID, SHOWED THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE MAKING NO REAL EFFORT, AND THAT THE DEBT PROBLEM HAD REACHED UNIVERSAL PROPORTIONS, HE CALLED FOR A CONFERENCE ON DEBT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR RENEGOTIATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEBT. HE STATED THAT THE INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION OF UNCTAD'S ROLE IS TO BE OF KEY IMPORTANCE AND CALLED FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF GATT. HE FINISHED ON THE NOTE THAT DEVELOPMENT WAS PRIMARILY THE TASK OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES AND CALLED FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE EASTERN BLOCK. COMMENT: YAKER'S SPEECH RECEIVED WARM APPLAUSE IN CONTRAST TO THE PERFUNCTORY APPLAUSE WHICH OTHER SPEAKERS RECEIVED.

4. AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK STATED THAT THE IB PROPOSAL WAS A PROMISING START FOR THE CONFERENCE. ON TECHNOLOGY, HE SUGGESTED PUTTING ASIDE, FOR THE PRESENT, THE QUESTION OF THE LEGAL NATURE OF CODE AND GETTING DOWN TO WORK ON DRAFTING OF A CODE. HIS SPEECH, IN GENERAL, LAID STRESS ON THE EFFECT OF RECESSION ON THE LDC'S WELL BEING, STATING THAT A MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION THE DCS CAN MAKE TO LDCS DEVELOPMENT IS, "TO RESTORE THEIR OWN ECONOMIES TO PATHS OF STABLE GROWTH."

5. JAMAICAN MINISTER OF INDUSTRY PATTERSON, IN AN APPARENT REFERENE TO THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH, SAID THE LDCS WELCOMED ANY POSITION RESPONSE TO THEIRPROPOSALS, BUT SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD REQUIRE AGREEMENT ON THE BASIC OBJECTIVE WHICH IS A REDISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD'S RESOURCES. HE ALSO MADE CRITICAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE LOME AGREEMENT AN THE SUGAR NEGOTITION SMILARTO THE STATEMENT OF THE GUYANAN REPRESENTATIVE.

6. AMBASSADOR ABDULLAH OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LAID GREAT STRESS ON THE NEED TO IMPELENT THE NIEO URGENTLY, ASKING RHETORCALLY "WILL THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ONLY RESPOND WITH NEW SETS OF COUNTER-PROPOSALS RATHER THAN TAKING NEEDED STEPS?" - AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH. HE ENDORSED THE COMMON FUND, THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM, AND, LESS SPECIFICALLY, THE ENTIRE MANILA DOCUMENT. HE ATTACKED THE LOME AGREEMENT AS AN EFFORT OF THE EC-9 TO DICTATE SUGAR PRCES. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, HE THEN SINGLED OUT PROPOSALS MADE AT THE CONFERENCE ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AS WORTHY OFCONSIDERATION, ANOTHER APPARENT, IF SOMEWHAT INCONSISTENT, REFERENCE TO THE SECRETARY'S STATEMEN.

7. ZAVBIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BANDA, STATED HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"FULL SUPPORT" FOR THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM, USING IN PARTICULAR COPPER ASAN EXAMPLE OF A COMMODIT WHICH WOULD BENEFIT BY PRICE STABILIZATION MEASURE. HE ALSO URGED DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES FOR LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES.

8. BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR, ELIO, SPOKE (MINISTER JUAN LECHIN SUAREZ DID NOT APPEAR) DEDICATING MOST OF HIS PRESENTATION TO OUTLINING BOLIVIA'S OBJECTIONS TO THE RECENTLY-NEGOTIATED FIFTH TIN AGREEMENT. (SEE SEPTTEL)

9. KUWAIT'S MINISTER OF COMMERCE, ABDUL WAHHAB AL-NAFEESI, ATTACKED THE EVELOPED COUNTRIES FR USING THE RSE IN OIL PRICES AS AN EXCUSE FORTHEIR HIGH RAT OF INFLATION: IN FACT OIL PRICES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ONLY 2 PERCENT OF THE 12 PERCENT INCREASE I THE COST OF LIVING IN TE LAST YEAR. HE SAID HE

WELCOMED ACTIONS ON GSP, BUT DEEPLY REGRETTED THE FACT THAT SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE DEPRIVING OPEC COUNTRIES OF THE BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM. HE SPENT ONE SENTENCE EACH ON ENDORSEMENTS OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES, ACCELERATED TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND THE MEETING OF AID TARGETS BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

10. MOROCCAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE, ADELLATIF GHISSASSI. GAVE THE HARDEST-LINE SPEECH OF THE EVENING SESSION FOR THE G-77. CITING THE FAMILIAR LITANY OF LDC DEMANDS ON COMMODITIES AND OTHER ISSUES. HOWEVER, IN A CLEAR REFERENCE TO THE IRB PROPOSAL, HE NOTED THAT MOROCCO'S SUPPORT FOR BUFFER STOCKS AND A COMMON FUND DID NOT EXCLUDE OTHER MEASURES, INCLUDING NEW FINANCIAL PROPOSALS ADVANCED HERE AT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. THESE SHOULD BE EXAMINED AND DISCUSSED. BUT, IN CONSIDERING THESE, HE SAID, WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL GOALS IN COMMODITIES AS EXPRESSED IN THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM. FINALLY, HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE CREATION OF NEW FINANCIAL MACHINERY IN THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK, BUT SAID THAT THE OVERALL VOLUME OF RESOURCES WAS STILL FAR BELOW THAT WHICH WAS NEEDED, AND PRESENTED A SERIES OF FINANCIAL PROPOSALS ON DEBT, AID TARGETS, SDR/AID LINK, AND REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

11. STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERIA, KENYA, NEPAL, ETHIOPIA, GREECE, SWITZERLAND, AND OECD SECRETARY - GENERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VAN LENNEP WERE ALL GENERALLY PREDICTABLE AND CONTAINED NO NEW POINTS OF MAJOR INTEREST OR CONCERN.

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